

# MRFSS Facts and Figures

## East Florida 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
CREVALLE JACK	1,930	276	372	1,654	11.7"
GRAY SNAPPER	1,605	234	276	1,371	12.1"
BLUE RUNNER	1,261	695	535	565	10.2"
SPOTTED SEATROUT	1,195	190	330	1,005	15.8"
DOLPHIN	655	595	3,652	60	24.7"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

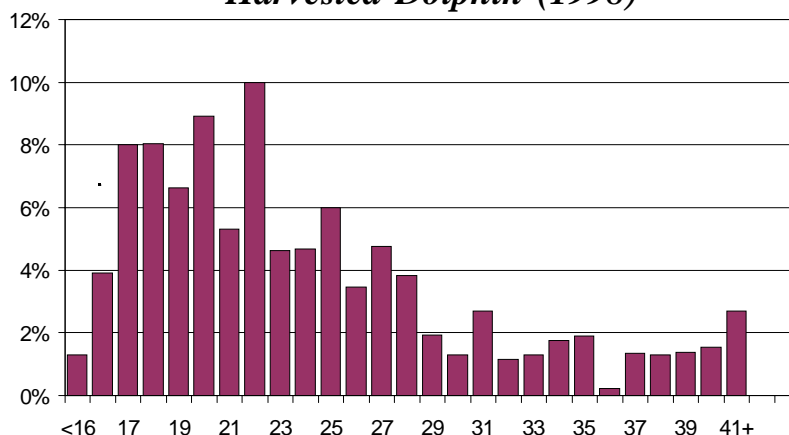
### Dolphin

*Coryphaena hippurus*



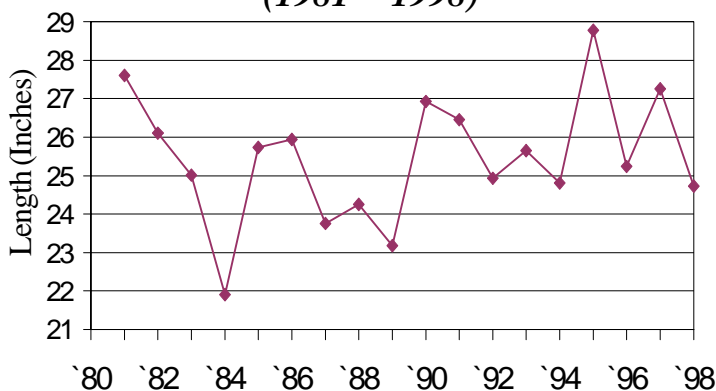
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 235 species of marine fish landed in East Florida.

### Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Dolphin (1998)

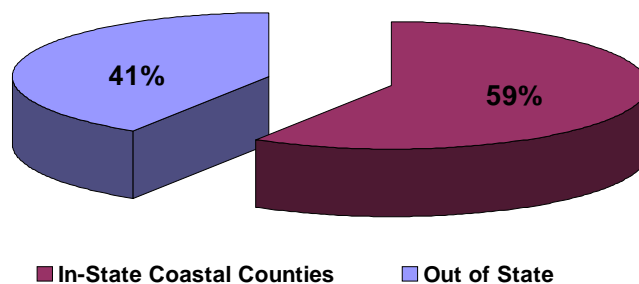


In 1998, nearly 47% of harvested dolphin averaged between 17 and 22 inches in length.

### Average Length of Harvested Dolphin (1981 - 1998)



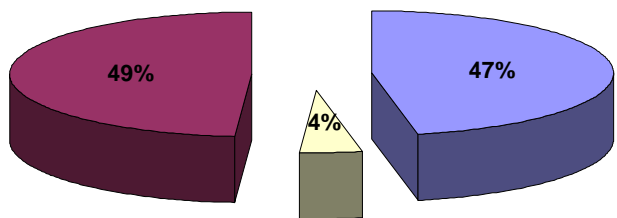
### East Florida Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



All of East FL is considered "coastal."

In 1998, over 1.8 million anglers participated in East Florida's Marine Recreational Fishery.

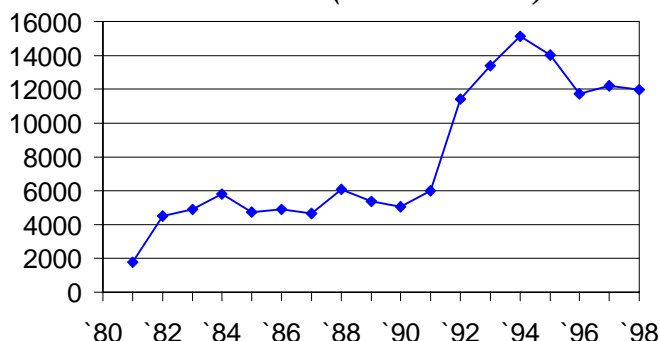
### Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



Shore Party/Charter Boat Private/Rental Boat

In 1998, anglers took nearly 10.1 million saltwater fishing trips in East Florida.

### Number of Completed Field Surveys East Florida (1980 - 1998)

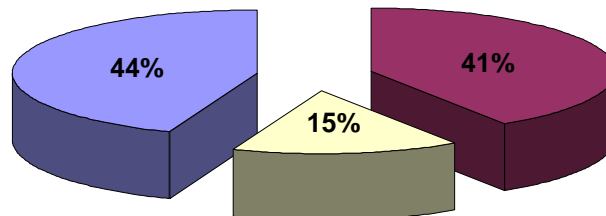


In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 11,955 surveys in East Florida.

The base MRFSS sample size was increased by 150% for the Southeast U.S. (NC-LA) beginning in 1992. Other large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased sample size.

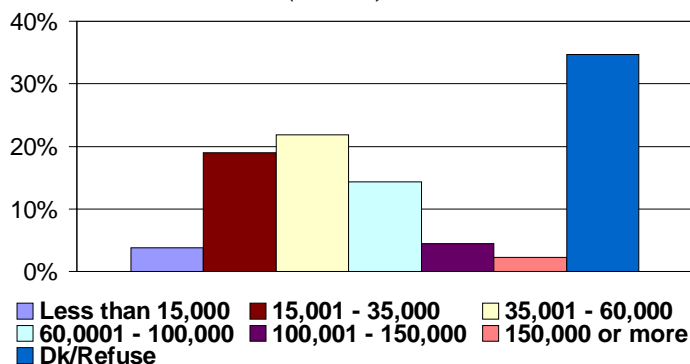
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission personnel conduct the MRFSS field Survey.

### Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)

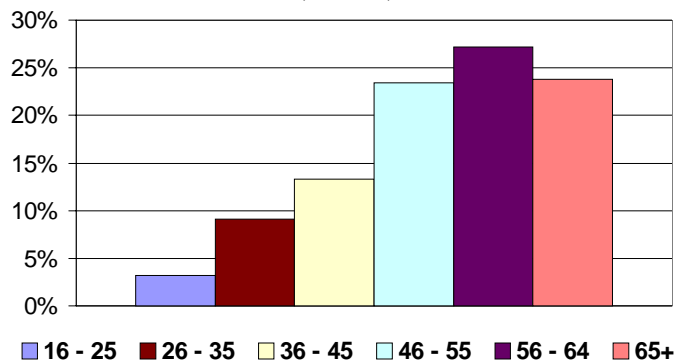


State Waters Federal Waters Inland Waters

### Income Distribution for Florida Anglers (1997)



### Age Distribution of Florida Anglers (1997)



Age and income information is for all Florida, not just East Florida.

## EAST FLORIDA MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
Commission-Division of Marine Fisheries  
(850) 487-0554  
[www.state.fl.us/fwc/marine/index.html](http://www.state.fl.us/fwc/marine/index.html)

Florida FWC - Division of Marine Fisheries  
Rules and Regulations  
(850) 487-0554  
[www.state.fl.us/fwc/marine/](http://www.state.fl.us/fwc/marine/)  
Click on Rules link

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
(843) 571-4366 [www.safmc.nmfs.gov](http://www.safmc.nmfs.gov)  
Rules and Regs: [www.safmc.nmfs.gov/safmcweb/Fishid/idregs.html](http://www.safmc.nmfs.gov/safmcweb/Fishid/idregs.html)

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
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